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IRISH LAND ACT.
Chief Secretary Wyndham Announces That Several Amendments Will Be Made.

London, Feb. 3.—Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, replied to John Redmond in the House of Commons to-day. He announced the government's intention to introduce an act amending the Irish Land Act and clearing all the doubtful points. In regard to the university, Mr. Wyndham said the government had no intention of stipulating at present.

With reference to Mr. Redmond's demand for Home Rule, Mr. Wyndham said Mr. Redmond's object seemed to be to prove that he was the real head of the third party in the House of Commons and that it demanded a separate parliament for Ireland. The chief secretary denied that he ever had proposed Irish legislation with the view of giving Home Rule to Ireland, or as a concession for the purpose of changing the views of the Nationalists. He also denied that he had any understanding with the Irish party for any purpose. He had been careful not to delude the Irish by any ambiguous promises, but he would insist that Ireland derive a fair share of the financial resources of the Empire. Mr. Wyndham did not believe the Irish question would be settled for at least fifty years. Even if

DEPUTY ATTORNEY-GENERAL APOLOGIZED

Mr. McLean Withdraws Objectionable Language Addressed to Mr. Hooper Yesterday Afternoon.

The inquiry into the Government House contract conducted by a select committee of the legislature was continued this morning.

Deputy Attorney-General McLean put in the original contract for the building made between Hon. W. C. Wells and R. Drake, and also the plans and specifications.

Mr. Phillips, by request, produced the plans in his possession.

Mr. McLean asked the witness, Thos. Hooper, if these were the plans which he had differed from the others and referred to by him yesterday.

Mr. Hooper said they were the plans.

Mr. McLean wanted an explanation of the point.

Mr. Hooper said that he refused to answer any questions until Mr. McLean apologized for calling him a coward the day previous.

Mr. McLean at first refused to do so unless Mr. Hooper withdrew the provocative remarks.

Chairman Clifford called the attention of Mr. McLean to the fact that his language had not been parliamentary.

Mr. McLean thereupon apologized for the language he had used.

The examination then continued.

Mr. Hooper said that these plans produced were not the original tracings. But the government would not give the board even the plans produced. There would have been some sense in that. Other copies were given.

When he asked Mr. Gamble for the original tracings the latter replied that he didn't have them.

Witness pointed out that the plans of Mr. Phillips had pieces pasted on them. They did not agree with the blue prints furnished by the department. The contractor had made a difference of about \$600 in the cost. The plans now produced and put in as exhibits were never seen by him until to-day.

The charge that all the goods paid for by the government did not appear in the building and that there were irregularities in connection with the purchase of goods was taken up. It was charged that goods which properly should have been paid for by the contractor were paid for by the government, ordered by the architect and 10 per cent. in some instances paid by a commission. Among these were marble hardware, ventilators, baths, etc. As an instance of this witness said that the marble was ordered by the architect and paid by the government. It was ordered through Mellor & Co., who got 10 per cent., and was paid for by Hinton & Co. The marble was to have been used in two fireplaces, but was used in only one.

The department would not furnish the board with the invoices for a long time. Mr. Gamble said it was not in the department. Only after finding the voucher at Hinton & Co.'s for the payment did they get it.

On the matter of ten English grates for which Mr. Anderson was paid \$700, witness said nine of them were in the building. The tenth grate used was an American one.

Mr. McLean pressed for the explanation which Mr. Rattenbury gave of this. Witness said that Mr. Rattenbury was not in the city when the invoice was found. Witness also wanted to know why Mr. McLean should be so particular about Mr. Rattenbury. He would do better to look after the interests of the country.

In connection with the gas piping, the contract did not provide for it. It was afterwards put in. The architect may have forgotten to put it in the specification, or it might have been done accidentally. This gas piping put in was no use. These fixtures were such that they could not be used for lighting. If the electric lights went wrong. This cost \$375, yet there was no combination fixture, and so they could not be used. It would have been a simple matter to have done this. It was a case of ordering goods not adapted for the purpose by sending to England for the goods, the building not being understood.

In connection with the heating, the contractor was dragged into that. He allowed a sub-contractor to go in and do this work before his was done. Again, the heating was left out in the original plans. If it had been put in the tender for \$44,000 would never have been accepted. The plans as proposed called for a tender of \$44,000, yet the department certified it cost \$110,000.

Mr. Gamble repeatedly refused vouchers, saying that the board had gone outside its duties to get them, and some had not yet been got.

He explained a trust having been built upstairs in Government House, but through a mistake this could not be taken down and put up again. This cost several hundred dollars, and was done by the contractor under the orders of the architect. Mr. Rattenbury in a personal defence said that he never got any orders from the department.

Reading from the evidence, Mr. Hooper said that the architect said he had never in his contracts had any written orders from the Chief Commissioner with respect to extra work provided for by section 20 of the contract.

Another irregularity was that copies of the blue prints were made by the department at Mr. Rattenbury's order. Mr. Rattenbury got 5 per cent. commission on this, though the government did the work. This was irregular. The specifications were printed also. In any contracts witness had with the government this was not done. He furnished his own copies, plans and specifications to the government.

Letters were sometimes misleading. As an instance of this the letter from Messrs. Rattenbury and Macleure to Hon. R. McBride, chief commissioner, was an

instance of this. The letter went to show that about \$17,000 went to the contractor for extra work.

Witness explained that in this statement the cost of the changing quarters were put at \$1,500, and the original tender of the contractor was not sent. Yet in a letter dated the same day in the approximate cost of the building the cost of these quarters was put at \$2,175.

In reply to C. Munro witness said Mr. Rattenbury billed the government with a cost of \$2,175 for these quarters. He did not say that the architect was paid his commission on it. He did not say that the commission was charged on the cost of the quarters. The commission this was apparently included.

Cross-examined by L. P. Duff, K.C., witness agreed that this approximate estimate referred to might have been for the purpose of enabling the government to arrange its estimates.

Witness said he would suggest that this statement was intended to be a basis for a claim for commission by Mr. Rattenbury, witness said he was not going to make any suggestions. The statement was misleading to the government, however.

Witness said the two letters were given to the board together.

Mr. Duff wished to know if witness meant by doing so to connect the statements in coming to the opinion that the statements were misleading.

Mr. Hooper said the statements together were misleading.

Mr. Duff asked to know if witness did not purchase the stained glass for the Methodist church.

Witness said it was ordered from London. He did it for the contractor.

The stone carving was done by his brother. He wrote to him for the contract and that of Mr. Rattenbury in this case. In ordering goods witness, with the owner, assisted in selecting the goods, but he did not have the goods consigned to him and collect commission for the goods.

Mr. Duff wanted to know if witness meant to suggest that in the furnishing of any of the goods that Mr. Rattenbury drew a commission.

Witness said that he did not. Witness further thought that a contractor should be entitled to the regular cash discount.

Mr. Duff wished for an explanation concerning a prime cost sum.

Witness explained that there was a prime cost sum of \$500 for hardware. Goods were ordered and a voucher was found for \$625 for hardware, which the contractor did not know about. Yet it was found that \$1,500 was paid for hardware.

Mr. Duff wanted to know whether or not this was a mistake or a swindle.

The witness said he was looking after the interests of the government. The architect had no right to exceed such a prime cost sum without consulting the Chief Commissioner.

In connection with the gas piping, witness suggested that Mr. Rattenbury made a personal profit out of these transactions.

Witness said he was not making any suggestions.

Incidentally Mr. Duff alluded to the board going outside of its scope in its work.

Mr. Hooper said this was a question of opinion. He held it did not do so.

Mr. Duff said that as a matter of fact he had no complaint with commissions with \$25 a day.

Mr. Hooper returned that he was not the only one. If Mr. Rattenbury did not pay \$25 a day better than the government had done him he would not be saying. The government had not paid the bill. It had got a lot of information very cheaply by that course.

Proceeding to the history of the contract, witness admitted that Mr. Rattenbury when called on by the government agreed to act as associate architect with any of the plans.

Mr. Duff wanted to know if Mr. Macleure did not get half the commission.

Witness said no. Mr. Macleure said that he was to get 2 1/2 per cent. on the contract, but Mr. Rattenbury would not let him in on the extras.

Continuing, Mr. Hooper said that Mr. Macleure did nothing with the preparing of the plans.

"Yet," said Mr. Duff, "Mr. Rattenbury presented him with the half of the proceeds for nothing."

Witness said that the evidence of Mr. Macleure went to show that he got about \$200, while Mr. Rattenbury got \$1,900.

Coming to the heating matter, witness held that that should have been in the contract.

Mr. Duff called attention to the fact that Mr. Rattenbury invariably had the heating contract separate from the main estimate.

Mr. Hooper said that this was a good enough rule but there should be provision for who should make the estimate for the heating system. The estimate for the heating system was extended to the electric work and the new area opened for settlement. The strength of the force is now 800; the increase will make it 900.

THE LIVELY REPUBLIC.

(Associated Press.)
Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 4.—There is no truth in the reported flight of President Ordóñez of Uruguay. Advisers from Montevideo say the city is quiet, and that President Ordóñez recently made a tour of the city and suburbs to reassure the people. It is also denied that the revolutionists are advancing on Montevideo.

ROUGH TRIPS.
Stormy Weather Encountered by Liberators Which Were Compelled to Reduce Speed.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse arrived to-day from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, after a very rough and stormy passage of several days. 12 hours and 32 minutes over the long course of 3,143 knots from Cherbourg. Her average speed for the voyage was 17.42 knots per hour, rough weather with storms of hail and rain prevailing throughout the trip. The steamer was under reduced speed every day, and the seas broke frequently over the vessel fore and aft.

The steamer Hohenzollern arrived to-day from Genoa, Naples, Ancona and Tancig, after a voyage which was very rough and stormy. On February 2nd a West Indian cyclone of terrific force was encountered which forced the steamer to reduce speed and change her course to avoid the centre of the storm.

NEW ACT CLEARS THE SITUATION

WITH REGARD TO THE MAYORALTY QUESTION

City Barrister Says the Third Section Covers Points Raised in Yesterday's Times.

The article in the Times dealing with the curious situation with regard to the mayoralty was drawn to the attention of the city barrister at an important meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. Mr. Taylor, after a careful perusal of its contents, said that the points raised would have been serious at one time, but the validating act cleared the situation. Had Mr. Redfern claimed the office of mayor in consequence of the disqualification of Mr. Barnard his course would have been to apply to the Supreme court for a mandamus for the restraining officer to declare him returned. But this had not been done. Although Mr. Redfern may have had a right to claim the office, he was not in fact mayor, as of course he had not taken the necessary oath nor been sworn in. If the validation act were not in fact, the validation act would complicate or tend to embarrass the conduct of city business. A curative statute had accordingly been passed in the interests of the city. Section 1 of this statute validated all acts of Mr. Barnard as mayor, section 2 relieved him of penalties, while section 3 declared that he was mayor for about two weeks, and ordered a new election to be held in the usual manner. Section 3 cleared the situation. It imposed a statutory duty on the council, and the next step was to hold an election as soon as possible, consistent with the directions of section 83 of the Elections Act. This provided that nomination should be held within ten days from the resignation or removal from office. Mr. Barnard resigned on the 1st of February. The section validating his acts also validated his election and nomination, the latter pointed out that Sundays could not be included. This would make the nomination day the 12th. It would also enable the six days' notice of the nomination by publication to be given. The act provided that polling must take place on the third day succeeding the nomination, which would be the 16th.

Mr. Taylor also advised that the motion fixing the nomination—for the 14th, and the election for the 17th, be amended by the substitution of dates suggested above. This was done, after which on the barrister's advice a formal resolution in accordance with the terms of the validating act providing for the election was passed.

The following is a full text of the validating sections recently passed:

1. All acts, matters and things heretofore done or executed by the said George Henry Barnard, and purporting to have been done or executed by him as mayor of the said city of Victoria since the 14th day of January, A. D. 1904, are hereby declared to have been legally and validly done or executed, notwithstanding any of the matters heretofore recited.

2. That said George Henry Barnard is hereby exonerated, freed and discharged from all penalties or forfeitures which may have been incurred by him in respect of matters heretofore recited, under any of the provisions of the "Municipal Charters Act," and that no such penalties or forfeitures shall be hereafter incurred by said George Henry Barnard by reason of the said heretofore recited matters; and this act may be pleaded in bar of and as a discharge of any action now pending or that may hereafter be brought against the said George Henry Barnard for any alleged violation of the "Municipal Charters Act" in respect of said heretofore recited matters.

3. An election for the office of mayor of the said corporation shall be forthwith held in pursuance of section 83 of the "Municipal Elections Act," so far as applicable, and the said George Henry Barnard shall be deemed to have been the mayor of said corporation to all intents and purposes whatsoever from the 14th day of January, 1904, until the 1st day of February, 1904, the latter being the date of his resignation of such office.

In regard to the chairmanship of the council, Mr. Taylor points out that Ald. Graham occupied that position at the meeting which provided for that occasion only. This was authorized by section 40 of the Municipal Charters Act. This section follows:

"In case the mayor or vice mayor, as the case may be, shall be absent from any meeting of the council, such alderman or councillor as the members of the council then present shall choose to be chairman shall act as such, and for that purpose shall have all the powers and be subject to the same rules as the mayor or vice mayor."

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RUSSIANS MOVING TOWARDS KOREA

ACTIVITY AMONG THE TROOPS IN MANCHURIA

Chinese Massing to Resist the Encroachment of the Bear—The Court Prepares for Flight.

(Associated Press.)
Tokio, Feb. 4.—The Japanese commercial agent at Vladivostok, was notified on Wednesday by the commander of the Russian garrison that he might at any time, in accordance with orders from St. Petersburg, have to proclaim a state of siege. Consequently he desired the agent to make preparations for the eventual departure of Japanese residents. Should any wish to remain they will be ordered to repair to Habarovsk.

Japanese officials report marked military activity in Manchuria. Troops have been prepared at Liao-Yang, Tai-Cheng, Kaichow, and other places for the accommodation of Russian soldiers. Carts also have been requisitioned to transport ammunition and stores. Troops are steadily moving in the direction of the Yalu, and the Chinese residents of Ying Chow are preparing for flight.

Dowager Empress Wavers.

London, Feb. 4.—All the Russian warships, except one which is undergoing repairs, are reported to have left Port Arthur yesterday. Their destination is unknown.

It has been repeatedly intimated by the authorities at Peking, according to the London Globe's Shanghai correspondent, that in the event of China abandoning Manchuria, the powers would be compelled to safeguard their respective interests in the remaining provinces. The revolutionists, continues the correspondent, also promise to raise a revolt in Kwang Tung in the middle of February, and expect the Manchurians, in the event of Manchuria being abandoned, to support China against aggression. But the dominant party, it is asserted, is preparing to strenuously resist Russia, and has ordered the enlistment of half a million troops and the massing of armaments in the north. The court, in the meanwhile, it is added, continues its preparations for flight to San Pao.

Insurrection in Spring.

Seoul, Feb. 4.—Further disturbances are reported in the country caused by the Tonghak revolutionary society. Serious disturbances are reported in the country surrounding Tschuk-hak. Thousands of armed men have declared that they are not Korean subjects. The natives are divided into three separate organizations. It is thought that a general insurrection will occur next spring.

Foreign citizens at various stations in the country have confirmed the reports that the Korean officials are pro-Russian, and have asked for the appointment of foreign officials in order to insure their personal safety.

It is stated that the Russians now claim that the Yalu river tributaries compasses cover all branches of the Yalu.

Affairs in Seoul are quiet.

Fear Massacre.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—Advisers received here from Korea say that the feeling of panic is general there, and that depression prevails at all the seaports where eventual massacre of foreigners is apprehended. The Europeans are preparing to send their families to Shanghai.

Every steamer from Japan, it is added, conveys to Korea many Japanese officers and soldiers in disguise, and they proceed in such a manner as to regard the Russians as being a "free" British government. He added, had made frequent representations to Russia in regard to the delay in the evacuation of Manchuria. Earl Percy confirmed the reports that the Russians had removed several of the employees of Sir Robert Hart, the inspector-general of customs and posts in China, from the native customs office at Newchwang, and had replaced them by Russian appointments. Representations, the Earl added, have been made on the subject at St. Petersburg.

Will Attempt Landing.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Central News agency from Seoul, Korea, says that the Japanese government has sent from Port Arthur, and will endeavor to land at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, to-morrow.

The Massing of Troops.

Tokio, Feb. 4.—Premier Katsura and his associates in the cabinet gave a dinner to-day to "electoral" representatives, peers, and communicated to them the nature and progress of the diplomatic negotiations with Russia. The Marquis had a private audience with the Emperor, at which the situation was discussed. These and other matters were discussed by the cabinet members, and they decided to make a statement to the press as to the progress of the negotiations with Russia. The cabinet decided to make a statement to the press as to the progress of the negotiations with Russia. The cabinet decided to make a statement to the press as to the progress of the negotiations with Russia.

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of the above named deceased, who died at
Victoria, B. C., on the 24th December,
1903, are required to send by post, or de-
liver to the executors, Robert Thompson
Clanton, Topas Avenue, Victoria, B. C.,
North Shore, Hillside Avenue, in the
said city, or to the undersigned, on or be-
fore the 5th day of March, 1904, full par-
ticulars of their claims, duly verified, and
the nature of the securities, if any, held by
them.

And further take notice that after such
last mentioned date the said executors will
proceed to distribute the assets of the de-
ceased amongst the parties entitled there-
to, having regard only to the claims of
which they shall then have notice, and
that the said executors will not be liable
for the said assets or any part thereof to
any person or persons of whose claims
notice shall not have been received by them
at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons
claiming from the estate of the said
Sarah Hobbs on or before the 24th day of
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RAILWAY TO NORTH.
Resolution Passed at Public Meeting in
Vancouver Will Be Submitted to
Government.

A public meeting was held in Van-
couver on Tuesday night to discuss a
railway to the North from the Terminal
City. There was considerable diversity
of opinion amongst the audience.

Mayor McGuigan, who occupied the
chair, said they had met to consider
the advisability of having delegates sent
to the legislature in Victoria to further
the object of having a railway built from
this city into the Cariboo country and
northern part of the province. What
they wanted to do was to send a dele-
gation to impress upon the legislature the
views of Vancouver on this subject.

The following resolution carried:
"That the citizens of Vancouver, in
this meeting assembled, do hereby most
respectfully ask that the government, if
possible, during the present session of the
legislature, arrange with the V. W. &
N. Railway Company to build a north
from Vancouver, via Squamish and
Pemberton Meadows, and through Lil-
loet, Cariboo and Omineca, via Quesnel,
and to such other northern part of the
province as may be found desirable; that
reasonable assistance be given such rail-
way, and that if it be found desirable, it
be in the form of a land grant, to be
given so that settlers' rights may be
thoroughly safeguarded and the country
rapidly developed; and that we most re-
spectfully request that the representa-
tives of the city, now in Victoria, use
their best efforts to bring about the
object of this meeting, viz., to secure rail-
way facilities from Vancouver north at
the earliest possible day."

The following committee was appointed
to wait on the government at Victoria:
Mayor McGuigan, Messrs. J. C.
Keith, T. J. Smith, J. W. Strange and
W. Shannon.

CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT.
Capt. Langley Says That Unless Rain
Soon Comes Crops Will Be Short.

Capt. Wallace Langley arrived home
from Southern California on Tuesday,
where he has been enjoying what is popu-
larly known as "the glorious climate"
of that state. After travelling through
much of the country and "taking in" all
the principal sights, the captain is now
more firmly convinced that California has
some serious troubles in store for the
future.

In San Diego there had not
been rain since last February, and the
country was looking very dry and parched.
The orchardists of the country sur-
rounding were letting their trees die for
want of water. In many places the
supply available is so full of alkali that
the fruit is of such inferior quality that
it cannot be marketed, and it is picked
and thrown on the ground. The captain
visited the old Tia Juana town which
he had seen forty years ago. At that
time a river flowed through the valley
where now no trace of it can be found
save a dry sandy river bed. Unless rain
comes soon the orchardists of the coun-
try generally from Los Angeles south
complain that their crop of oranges and
lemons will be very short.

Mrs. Langley and daughter were left
at San Francisco, where they will remain
for a few weeks longer before coming
again. The captain will be going north
again in a few months.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
Victoria Meteorological Office,
27th January to 2nd February, 1904.

During this week there has been a re-
markable absence of precipitation both on
the coast and throughout the interior of
the province. On the coast the winds have
been abnormally moderate in force, and in
this vicinity the amount of sunshine record-
ed was below the average. The cause of
these weather conditions was due to the
prevalence of abnormally high barometric
pressure over the North Pacific Coast,
while over California the barometer has
been comparatively low. Frosts have oc-
curred about Victoria upon three days, and
upon the Lower Mainland upon six out of
the seven.

The only storm area of any importance
during the week crossed Northern British
Columbia to the Territories on Sunday, 21st.
It caused strong southerly to westerly
winds on the Straits of Juan de Fuca and
a fresh southerly gale at Cape Flattery.
The weather in the Territories has been
consistently mild, until the last day of
January, when a pronounced cold wave ap-
peared to the northward, and during the
remaining days of the week it spread south
and eastward, accompanied by tempera-
tures ranging from 10 to 30 below zero.

In the Yukon district the temperature
has been comparatively high.
Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine, 10
hours and 45 minutes; rain, .04 inch; high-
est temperature, 46.3 on 21st; and lowest,
32.0 on 2nd.

New Westminster—Rain, .01 inch; high-
est temperature, 44 on 1st; and lowest, 28
on 28th.

Kamloops—No precipitation; highest tem-
perature, 32 on 30th, 1st and 2nd; lowest,
14 on 28th.

Barkerville—Snow, 2 inches; highest tem-
perature, 30 on 29th; and the lowest, 14
on 28th.

Dawson—Snow, .04 inch; highest tempera-
ture, 14 on 21st; and the lowest, 12 below
on 27th and 30th.

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THE JAPANESE DIET.
Japanese members of parliament are paid
about 180 a year as salary, in addition to
travelling allowances, which they are not
at liberty to refuse even if disposed to do
so. The number of qualified voters in
Japan amounts to little over 1 per cent.
of the total population. All electors must
be twenty-five years of age and must pay
ten yen direct national taxation.

ready sale, to the disadvantage of the
pure article.
"And whereas, the interests of the
manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit-
growers and the public generally are
thereby injured:
"Be it resolved, that it is the opinion
of this House that an humble
address be presented to His Honor the
Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully re-
questing him to urge upon the Dominion
government the desirability of the im-
mediate and strict enforcement of the
"Pure Foods Act."
"And further, that a copy of this reso-
lution be forwarded to the Hon. the Sec-
retary of State for Canada."

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.
Suggestions Made as to How Victoria's
Attractions Might Be Added To.

A meeting of the executive of the
Tourist Association was held Tuesday
afternoon at the rooms. Vice-President
Henderson presided, and there were also
present J. E. Wilson, B. S. Heisterman,
H. R. Thomson, E. C. Smith, T. M. Hen-
derson, Geo. Carter and the secretary,
Dorothy Cuthbert. A large amount of
routine business was transacted and
some important subjects discussed. A
letter was received from the city council
inviting the Tourist Association to co-
operate with them and the Board of
Trade in securing the Dominion exhibi-
tion for Victoria. The matter will be
dealt with vigorously by the association
and a memorial will be prepared show-
ing that Victoria is by far the most suit-
able city west of Winnipeg to handle the
exhibition. The association will co-operate
with the city council and the matter
was referred to the university and ex-
hibition standing committee.

Many suggestions were made with
reference to attractions for the summer
in order to spread the fame of Victoria
as a residential and tourist city. The
government will be approached this week
to complete the road from Oak Bay to
Cordova Bay, or as much of it as pos-
sible. This has been before the govern-
ment several times, and an effort will
now be made to have the work done this
summer. The government will also be
asked to repair the drive to the top of
Mount Tolmie. This can be made an
excellent road by the expenditure of very
little money, as most of it is in shape
now, and considering that it is one of the
favorite drives for visitors and also
for citizens, the expenditure of a few
dozens should not stand in the way of
having it made available.

A suggestion will also be made to the
city council with reference to the filling
up of the vacant places in the newly
paved Bastion square. They will be
asked to help the association to secure
two cannon, one if possible from South
Africa, which will not only be very ap-
propriate in such a place as Bastion
square, but will be ornamental and an
object of interest to visitors.

The secretary reported that he had
had several conversations with the man-
agers of "Living Canada," with a view
to securing several pictures of Victoria
in their exhibition. Several points of in-
terest had been visited and an offer was
made to the executive by the manager,
Mr. Bradford, to make a series of pic-
tures that would show all the best points
of the city to immense advantage.
Those would be included in all their en-
tertainments in other parts of Canada
and also in the Old Country. This and
many other matters were referred to the
executive committee for report.

Reports were received from the print-
ing committee and the university com-
mittee, which showed the vigorous ac-
tion taken by the executive to make this
year's work effective.

Another suggestion that was referred
to the attractions committee was the
holding of a "Broom" festival during
that time of the year when the whole
country is one mass of broom. The
meeting then adjourned.

The manager of the Home for the
Aged and Infirmed reported the re-
ceipt of the following donations for Jan-
uary: Mrs. B. W. Pearce, illustrated
papers; Mrs. J. H. Todd, paper of
T. & E. tobacco for each inmate and
cakes; Mrs. H. D. Helmeke, illustrated
papers; Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, news-
papers; Mrs. Beckman, reading matter and
fruit; Mr. Shakespeare, reading matter;
Mr. Galletti, illustrated papers; Times
and Colonist, daily papers; and B. C.
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Cure," written by a physician who has
made a special study of the disease, will
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ville, Ont.

A GOOD SHOWING.
Attendance in Schools for January Exceed-
ed Same Month Last Year.

During the month of January the daily
average attendance in the public schools
was 2,465.83, which was 97 in excess of the
daily average in January, 1903. The total
for the city was a little over ninety per
cent, South Park being top liner with
92.23 per cent. The High school, Victoria
West, Spring Ridge, Hillside and Rock Bay
schools failed to reach 90 per cent. The
following averaged 85 per cent. or over:
High school, division 1, 88.85 per cent.;
teacher, Mr. Paul. South Park, division 1,
97.80 per cent.; teacher, Miss Cameron.
Girls' school, division 2, 96.80 per cent.;
teacher, Miss Robinson. North Ward, divi-
sion 2, 96.05 per cent.; teacher, Miss
Dewler. Girls' school, division 1, 93.24 per
cent.; teacher, Miss Williams. Boys' school,
division 6, 95.00 per cent.; teacher,
Mr. Coats.

During the month a little more than fifty
per cent, or 1,204 pupils, lost no time
through absence. Spring Ridge headed the
list with 54.94. Following is a summary
of attendance:

No.	Daily	Daily	Total	
Present.	Absent.	Average.	P.C. Term.	
High School	217	190.40	87.75	29
Boys' School	544	490.98	90.27	43
Girls' School	440	405.56	92.17	10
North Ward	441	405.19	91.42	4
South Park	365	338.48	92.23	39
Victoria West	216	194.29	89.95	20
Spring Ridge	182	162.94	89.52	28
Hillside	132	115.97	87.85	18
Kingsford St.	149	130.57	87.65	22
Rock Bay	68	58.15	85.51	6
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'pure' which are offered for sale within
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garded as legitimate Labor men. That
council favored the \$500 deposit. He sup-
ported this amendment.

A. H. B. Macgowan supported the
amendment. He contended that the Lib-
eral party was the friend of the Labor
men only at election time.
Richard Hall referred to the clap-trap
being talked on the floor of the House.
He had promised to support this amend-
ment, and would do so, it was sickening
to hear the Conservatives talking about
the Liberal party doing nothing for
Labor. Referring to the \$500 legal tax
on Chinese, he wanted to know how
many lawyers would come into British
Columbia if there was a \$500 tax on
them. They would have to depend upon
local talent. (Laughter.)

Stuart Henderson thought that Mr.
Bowler was looking after his own inter-
ests in the amendment. It was a well
known fact that that member once in
the Dominion, and once in the provincial
elections had lost his deposit.

Mr. Davidson favored the amendment.
John Oliver held that if the signature
of fifteen per cent. of the electorate was
too large, he was sure it might have been
reduced. There was no such proposal.
There was no question as to the signing
of this amendment in this House. He
referred to the remarks of Mr. Bowser
when speaking against woman suffrage.
That member said he did not want
ladies to rub shoulders with the lower
classes. He said, however, that for
political purposes they had to enter
these votes. He had serious doubts
as to the advisability of this amendment.

H. E. Tanner thought the deposit
should be reduced so that a candidate
might put up the deposit himself, and
not having to rely upon his party for it.
This would make members more inde-
pendent.

The motion to recommit the bill was
lost on the following division:
Yeas—Messrs. Evans, Tanner, David-
son, Hall, Cameron, Hawthornthwaite,
Williams, McBride, Wilson, Bowser,
Fraser, Ross, Gifford, Macgowan, Shat-
ford—15.

Nays—Messrs. Drury, Brown, Mc-
Niven, Murphy, Jones, Oliver, Hend-
erson, Munro, Patterson, Wells, Taylor,
Cotton, Ellison, Houston, Clifford, Ful-
ton, Taylor, Wright—18.

Mr. Drury moved that the bill should
be recommitted for the purpose of intro-
ducing an amendment so as to prohibit
the sale of spirituous liquor for the
whole of the polling day, and not as now
provided until the close of the poll.

A question arose as to it being in order
to introduce this after the amendment
had been negatively decided upon.
It was finally ruled in order by the
Speaker.

Mr. Drury thought it would be much
better to go back to the rule in force for
ten years in the province and keep the
bars closed all day.

Mr. Tanner said he favored it as being
in the interests of order.

The motion to recommit the bill was
defeated.

The bill passed its third reading.

Health Act.

On report of the bill to amend the
Health Act, Dr. King moved an amend-
ment to insert the following sub-section
to section 60: "The health officers of
any municipality health district or out-
lying district shall in every year in the
months of April or May visit all logging
camps, lumber, sawmills, and mining
camps in their district and examine into
the sanitary conditions thereof, and shall
also examine the water supply of said
camps."

In support of it, Dr. King said he
wished to make it compulsory to have
these camps inspected, especially with
respect to the water supply. The
motion carried and the report was
adopted.

Supreme Court Bill.

The Supreme Court Bill was again
considered with W. G. Cameron in the
chair.

Mr. Bowser moved with respect to the
section governing the right of an appeal
in case of an improper direction having
been given by a judge, that the judge
should make no comment on the evidence.
This would apply to civil cases only. The
judge under the amendment proposed
would simply give direction as to the law.
He would express no opinion upon the
evidence produced. The juryman should
not be influenced by the judge either one
way or another.

J. A. Macdonald thought this was a
complete departure from the present rule
and he thought they should proceed slowly.
He thought that it was not correct
to lay down the rule that a judge con-
tinued to have biased views of every
case as argued by Mr. Bowser. He held
that the judges of the country were very
fair. Instances of the case of an expert
evidence being given by a generation
of experienced men. It had been found
the best rule. The jury was charged
that they were the judges of the fact,
and that the judge could not dictate to
them. If it was found in criminal cases
to be a good rule, why should it not
apply to civil cases. The finding of a
jury in a criminal case involved the ques-
tion of life. It was, therefore, more im-
portant if the rule proposed was good to
apply it to criminal cases.

The Attorney-General said he had a
great veneration for the established usages.
But he thought there was need of a
change in this rule. Conditions had
changed. Jurors were not so well awed
by the eloquence of counsel. The
direction which a judge might give car-
ried far more weight. He favored the
amendment of Mr. Bowser to the rule
proposed by himself in the bill. He
thought the jury should be cut from
any direction from the judge. With re-
ference to the rule applying to criminal
cases, he pointed out that this was a
matter within the power of the Dominion
authorities.

Mr. Henderson was opposed to the
amendment of Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Cameron said that the committee
rise and report progress.

The motion carried.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ROUTINE BUSINESS WAS DISPOSED OF

Number of Bills Respecting Companies
Advanced a Stage in House Yes-
terday Afternoon.

Victoria, Feb. 3.

The House this afternoon made con-
siderable progress upon private bills.
Several of these were advanced a stage,
and some of the public bills were further
considered.

The 15 petitions from residents of Vic-
toria, Vancouver, Chilliwack, New West-
minster, Golden, Port Hammond,
Squamish, Agassiz, Quesnel, Comox, Na-
naimo, Duncan, Revelstoke, Ladner and
Kamloops, asking for amendments to
the game laws, were received.

Fisheries Commissioner Report.

The Attorney-General presented the re-
port of the fisheries commissioner of
British Columbia for the year 1903.

Coast-Yukon Railway.

The House went into committee on an
act to incorporate the Coast-Yukon Rail-
way Company, with T. W. Patterson in the
chair. The incorporators are Fred
Buscombe, Robert Kelly and George L.
Wilson. The head-office of the company
is to be in Vancouver. The company may
lay out, construct and operate a rail-
way of the gauge of four feet eight and
one-half inches, from a point at or near
Hazelton; thence northerly to a point at
or near Atlin Lake; thence northerly to
the sixtieth parallel of north latitude.
The capital stock of the company is to be
\$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of
\$100 each, and may be called up by the
directors from time to time as they deem
necessary.

The committee rose and reported the
bill.

Island Road.

On motion of J. N. Evans the bill to
incorporate the Cowichan, Alberni &
Fort Rupert Railway Company was read
a second time. Mr. Evans said this was
a very important bill. The incorporators
of the company are Abraham C.
Rhinehart, of Big Woods, Marshall
County, Minnesota, U.S.A.; John Thomp-
son, Edith May C. Thompson, of Victoria,
and Edward C. B. Barshaw, of John
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Pale Creek Foreshore.

W. J. Bowser moved the second read-
ing of the bill to enable the city of
Vancouver to acquire the foreshore of
Pale Creek. He said the proposed
amendment to acquire the site east of West-
minster bridge. The city had to get this
right from the legislature. This was the
purpose of the bill so as to

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND THE VICTORIA BAR.

The honorable the Attorney-General, who is Mr. Charles Wilson, K. C., has introduced a bill to amend the County Courts Act, which amongst other things unites the counties of Victoria and Nanaimo for judicial purposes and provides that the judge of the County Court of Nanaimo, with any deputy or junior judge appointed in that behalf, shall have jurisdiction therein. Mr. Harrison is the County Court judge for Nanaimo County, and if Mr. Wilson's bill becomes law Mr. Harrison will thereby become the senior judge of the united counties. It is assumed that the government that appointed Mr. Harrison to the County of Nanaimo, that is the Dominion government, has nothing to say in respect to his appointment by this act to the County of Victoria, and we suppose that assumption is correct. It will remain for the Dominion government to appoint a junior judge, that is, if a man can be found to take the subordinate position, which the Attorney-General seems to have no fears about. The bar of Victoria recently memorialized the Dominion government to appoint a judge for Victoria County, but the Wilson Bill will effectively dispose of the bar of Victoria and the agitation it has set on foot. We have heard it stated that one judge can very easily do the work of the two counties, and that when the bill becomes law Mr. Harrison will not require the assistance of an assistant. If that be true the interests of unfortunate litigants as well as of the general public will undoubtedly be better served by the combination than they are at present. It is, of course, just possible that that is the object that Mr. Charles Wilson, K. C., has in view.

A RAILWAY POLICY.

The time of the government organ has changed. A day or two ago the Ministers were charged that the financial condition of the province was such that the greatest caution must be observed in the conduct of public affairs. They were told that it was necessary for them to gripe their way along the rough path most carefully, feeling the way with the hands and putting the feet down most gingerly. Now the situation has been cleared up. A large revenue is assured under the Assessment Act (without intruding on the preserves of the left wing). The government must be bold. It must develop a strong policy. There can be no satisfactory progress if we simply increase taxes on all classes except the workers and cut down the expenditures in all constituencies save those represented by such bold men as the Chief Commissioner. We tremble as we take this gentleman's name in vain, remembering the swelling of the chest, the bulging of the "biceps" and the menacing brow as he told an honorable member of the Legislature a few days ago that he was quite able to take care of himself in the House or out of it. Soon the opposition will be unable to open its mouth, with such terrible fellows as Ross and Green threatening to go upon the warpath.

After a survey of the field, we are constrained to believe that Hon. Richard McBride has decided to cast off the cloak of timidity and introduce a railway policy. That is the reason he is urged by his organ to put on a bold front. The exhortation is scarcely necessary. Take the bold bluff away from the character of the Premier, and what would remain? What did Samson amount to when he had been shorn of his hair? A government in British Columbia could not be seriously regarded unless it put forth a railway policy. But such policies have always been introduced in the past just on the eve of an election; and they have all resulted in nothing. The railways which have been of great benefit to this province have all resulted from the policy of the federal government. What can be the meaning of the bold policy advocated at this time, when a few days ago the prime necessity of the province was alleged to be the restoration of the labor of constructing important works on paper. Is the lash of Hawthornthwaite becoming ineffectual, or is it merely a fact that the government must obey the mandate of the Board of Trade of the city the Attorney-General and Bowser say speaks with the voice of the province? It is hard to say. But it is clear that the administration which must bow its head to blasts blown by every wind, windy theorist has determined to bring down a

railway policy. As the News-Advertiser-Columbian says, the members must not chafe because they are asked to remain in their seats a few days longer to consider this important measure.

RADIUM AND CANCER.

Great things are expected of the latest marvel in the scientific world. Marvels always are expected of a new discovery. In but few cases are the expectations realized. But, while that is true, as men have learned to apply the wisdom gained by experience to the utilization of the by-products of nature, the effect upon the life of human creatures has generally been beneficial. Cancer is one of the few diseases which is the despair of the physician; the confidence of the surgeon is shaken before it. Progress has been made in the combat with nearly all other forms of disease, but the malignant growth known as cancer remains as dominant in its dread destructiveness as it ever was, or very nearly so. Therefore it is not surprising that men are inspired with renewed hope of discovering a conqueror of this malady in every new scientific discovery. The New York Times of a recent date says the story of the unmistakable cure of an undoubted cancer through the influence exerted upon the diseased tissue by the emanations from a salt of radium in a sealed glass tube has the advantage of stimulating hope in many who had abandoned it. The incidents of this reported cure are certainly remarkable—

—sufficiently so, indeed, to border on the miraculous. This is especially true of the replacement of the destroyed tissue with a normal and healthy growth in a marvellously short time. If the statements made in good faith by the physicians who are or may be in a position to know the facts are fully verified, the mystery of radium will have assumed a highly beneficent aspect. Meanwhile it is obvious that the evidence thus far produced will be no more satisfactory to physicians than are the cures and cures which devote certain diseases as evidence of the curative power of relics. That there is nothing so illogical as crude experience is well known by all who have investigated natural phenomena and especially phenomena supposed to be supernatural. There is plenty of opportunity to prove the efficacy of radium in the cure of cancer, and when this is accomplished we shall hear of it under conditions leaving no room for speculation as to whether the observations were quite trustworthy and if so, whether the results which afford so much cause for congratulation can be repeated.

SOME SAMPLE FRUITS.

The Conservatives of the cities of Toronto and Hamilton, excluded from office and all the good things pertaining thereto in the Dominion and provincial field, determined to satisfy their appetites by gorging everything that was going in the two municipalities. They decided to run civic affairs on party lines in as far as they could do so without stirring the people up to the true meaning of their intentions. The result is just what might have been expected. In Toronto there are a few offices to which handsome salaries are attached and the ballot boxes in many polling divisions were stuffed in favor of certain candidates. The revelations have already laid bare one of the gravest scandals in the history of Canada. In Hamilton the Tory newspapers had been in a state of ecstasy at the success of the game played there, and had scarcely subsided into their normal condition of snappishness because of the blue outlook in the Dominion when the curtain was lifted and revealed the Tories at their old games. But, as Colonel Prior said the other night when he was on his knees doing penance before the great McBride, the Conservatives had lived on the fat of the land for eighteen years. People who were not in the game had to live in poverty and wretchedness for the wallowers. Now that the conditions have changed, we do not wonder that the workers are beginning to get desperate and that they are willing to take burglarious chances in order to bring about a change. It is a pity the Tories cannot gain control of a municipality of the importance of a village council without having evidences of their evil-doings to condemn them. The same gang that is hounding Ross, the Premier of Ontario, was doubtless operating in Toronto and Hamilton.

Bowser cannot be suppressed. If he cannot force the Supreme Court judges to live in Vancouver, he hopes to instruct all judges as to the manner in which they shall address juries. What a vast amount of experience there is stored up in that apparently young head! Or is it merely affrontery and presumption? And behold how sweetly harmonious is the relationship between the Attorney-General, the nominal head of the government's legal department, and the actual chief, which is Bowser! These two work together for the good of British Columbia. What a proud man Sir Hilbert Tupper must be now that he has been named sponsor for the behaviour of this remarkable couple, with McBride, Green, Hawthornthwaite, and others added. The combination is rapidly hastening up the tarnished reputation of the great Conservative party.

Mr. Foster will not contest St. John. Strange, when he is so well known there, is so anxious to get into Parliament again, and the people are said to be so eager to give evidence of their disgust with the Laurier government, and to express their confidence in the Conservatives. Can it be that Mr. Foster foresees defeat for the Tory candidate in St. John and that if he became that candidate it would mean the end of his career.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND GAME LAWS.

To the Editor:—The Game Protection Association of Vancouver Island have, with the aid of the members of various gun clubs from the Mainland and Vancouver Island, drafted a bill for the better protection of our game in this province, which the government has been asked to pass this session. I hear on good authority that the government have decided against the bill and will not bring it before the House. Now, Sir, the Vancouver Island Game Association has taken endless trouble over the drafting of this bill. They have received many letters from various parts of the province complaining of the wanton and illegal killing of game and fish. The bill is supported by a very numerous signed petition, on which, strange as it may appear, are the names of more than one professional hunter, and every sportsman in the province is warmly in favor of the bill. Even the professional hunter sees that it would be to his advantage to have the game properly protected. And still our short-sighted government cannot be induced to pass laws to prevent the wholesale slaughter of game which goes on in and out of season. The other colonies, such as New Zealand and Australia, are spending thousands of pounds each year in importing game and fish, recognizing them as a valuable asset, while here we have the game, which only needs a little care and protection to become a great attraction to the tourists and intending settlers, and consequently a valuable asset to the province. Mr. Hawthornthwaite is, I understand, bringing in a bill to prevent the sale of deer. The feathered game are much more in need of protection, and I can assure Mr. Hawthornthwaite he would earn the gratitude of a large portion of the community if he would also bring in a bill for their protection.

THE FINN'S AMBITION.

To the Editor:—In knowledge that no new undertaking can succeed in such a free country as our British Columbia without the sympathy of public opinion, I beg you again to publish some words for the Finn colony at Malcolm Island. I suppose there is not one individual in a civilized society who could not admit that, according to the fundamental law of justice, that justice which is higher than any human law, every individual has the right of existence. What could, then, be the higher duty of a representative government than to care for this right of the citizens of the country? How can this right of citizens be cared for? By accepting, to start with, that every citizen has a right to work. In case there is not sufficient private people who can or will procure on satisfactory terms work to every citizen who demands it, it is the duty of the government to take care of this principle of the state. Without that duty the majority of people the government is representing do not need any social order at all. If the majority will have it just so, or perhaps better, without any social order and government. The government cannot assume the duties of an employer, it is said. Why? If Mr. James Dunscombe, the largest private employer in the country, could be appointed Premier of the province, why cannot Hon. R. McBride take in his programme the principle above mentioned? The labor organizations want to be legally incorporated. Well, take a step further. Give to every labor corporation a part of land, an island, as to the Kootenay-Kanaka Colonization Co. Assist them to acquire machinery, and tell every man with the rights of a citizen who demands work to join such a corporation colony.

That is what we, your Finn country-fellows, have done. We have proved that men with good common sense, mature to self-government, can employ themselves just as well as to be employed by irresponsible individuals. We go on to prove that as our ancestors could produce in their private farms all they needed for agreeable existence, we can do the same with the assistance of the resources of modern civilization. And when we have proved this, it will be apparent to everybody that a whole province, as British Columbia, is able to do the same; to arrange a complete home production independently of any foreign producers and owners of exchange milled.

You see, Sir, our colony can be of great importance for this country. It is commonly understood. If the present leaders of the country could have a little idea of the present state of national economy, they would not stay helpless in want of credit, when they have under their command a country of such illustrious resources and an intelligent people ready to work, unite, and, if wanted, to fight for their rights. And they would not smile ironically when we beg of them a school for our 40 children and a little grace to help us in financing our beneficial association. The future will show who is right.

MATIL KURKKA.
New York Commercial Advertiser.

LATEST WAR REPORTS.
Fronted airplanes are engaged, resulting in terrible loss of breath.

Berlin.—
It is rumored that Count Muscovich will go to Pampshelk.
To talk with Gen. Rubernicki.
Who will proceed to Tchernikofevski.

Port Arthur.—
The Russian armored syllable boat "Lae Hazeawayandbittiekin" (the longest naval name afloat) is soon hostilities to begin.
The jaw-destroyer, Kakkolcha, is sailing for Manchuria.

Tokio.—
This afternoon Count Okubono, while taking notes from Fujikama, saw something through the water slip that seemed a Russian battleship.
He is trying to report the same.
But no one can pronounce the name.

Port Arthur.—
Admiral Bangoff's battleship, the splendid Alexanderipki.
This morning met an accident.
That much expensive damage meant.
Her first three syllables exploded.
Bang didn't know the name was loaded.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

The selection of Dr. Mills, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, as a member of the permanent Dominion railway commission, is a pleasant surprise for the Canadian public, for his name had not been mentioned in connection with a commission. The surprise will be a pleasant one, for the fitness of Dr. Mills for his duties will be universally recognized. Few appointments so happy and wise have been made by the Laurier government.

HE DESERVES IT.

Chicago Record-Herald.
"I thought your son was going to marry a great heiress."
"Oh, that's all off."
"What was the trouble?"
"William, about mindfully spoke about the splendid manner in which her father had forged his way to the front. You see she's a very proud girl, and her father, having started in life as a blacksmith, she took it as an insult. Still, I suppose anybody who says 'forged his way' to the front ought to get left, on general principles."

THE REAL GAMEY.

Toronto Star.
If Mr. R. R. Gamey be given plenty of rope he will hang himself. He has not been as quick about it as seemed probable at first, but he is in a fair way to finish himself now.

Par Excellence

Quality, Fit, Workmanship
These qualities, combined with reasonable prices, is what makes us popular.
Common sense tells people that they don't always get the best bargains at sales.
We would like to show you our new goods.
Cooper & Linklater
Fashionable Tailors
47 FORT. COR. BROAD.

SPENCER'S

Western Canada's Big Store

Shaking up the Basket Brings the Big Apples To the Top.

We've shaken up the whole store for the benefit of Friday and Saturday shoppers.
Many of the offerings are small in quantity—lots that we don't want on the stock sheets—but they'll appeal to thrifty people, who don't care a rap whether we have three or a dozen, if one is all they want.
You will be amazed at some of the reductions.

\$3.00 Raincoats for 90c

Children's Raincoats—a good number in this lot [65 in all] Colors, Navy Blue, Fawn, Green. All sizes.

The Annual Stock-Righting Sale of Men's Hats

Once a year we clean up our Stock of Hats most radically. On March 1st we start off with stocks clean and fresh and perfectly assorted. The Hat Stock is a tedious one to keep straight. Odd lots accumulate with wonderful rapidity. It requires a large immediate loss to clean them up in the thorough manner in which we do; but it pays splendidly in the long run.

75c

For Hats that sold before at \$1.50

\$1.50

For Hats that sold before at \$2.50, 3.00 and 3.50.

Hats on Sale Friday and Saturday.

Velvets and Plushes

FRIDAY.

A wonderful offering at 50c. To those who know the Value and have tested the Quality of our Velvets and Plushes, Friday will certainly prove itself a Bargain Day.

578 yards Colored Silk Velvet, including all this season's popular shades, at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Our Clearance Price, 50c.
167 yards Panna Velvet, in all the newest tints and pastel effects. Regular selling prices \$1.00, \$1.75 and \$2.50. Our Clearance Price, 50c.
123 yards Silk-faced Plush; superior quality, in the following rich shades: Olive Green, Myrtle, Reseda, Cardinal, Electric, Moss, Bronze, Brown and Mole skin. Regular selling prices \$1.00 and \$1.50. Our Clearance Price, 50c.

Royal Worcester Corsets

At \$1.50; regular \$2.50 and \$3.50

qualities.

Moreen for Skirting

Regular 65c. qualities; Friday 35c.

yards.

Colors—Navy, Cream, Fawn, Brown, Pink, Blue, Red and Green.

Remnants

All Sorts of Lengths.

All Sorts of Kinds.

All Sorts of Colors.

All Nearly Half.

Black Astracan

54 Inches Wide.

75c. yard; regular \$2.50.

15c Gingham

Friday, 8½c

Colors—Pink and White Stripes.

White Turkish Towels

Pink Borders.

Regular 25c. Friday, 15c.

An Odd Lot of Crash Towelling;

Friday, per yard, 5c.

An Odd Lot of Linen Napkins;

Friday, each 12½c.

Linen Table Covers

Regular \$2.25; Friday, \$1.00.

Two Yards Long.

Ladies' Underwear

Small lines very much reduced.

Wool Vests, shaped, at 25c.; were 75c. each.

English Wool Vest at 65c.; were \$1.25.

Boys' Rain Coats

Size 33 only—only eight customers

wanted for these coats, and the size

for a boy of 14 or 15.

Regular \$8.75; Friday, 75c.

Skirt Lengths

Half Price and Less

\$1.95 for Tweed Skirt Lengths; were \$3.90.

\$2.25 for Skirt Lengths; were \$4.50.

\$2.00 for Skirt Lengths, were \$4.00.

Dress Goods Department.

The Furniture Sale

Is the most interesting Trade event

of the month. Plenty of the same

kind of values in Furniture now, and

till the end of the month, as when

the Sale started on Monday.

Dining Room and Kitchen Chairs

Regular 65c. values for 45c.

Regular 85c. values for 65c.

Regular \$1.25 values for \$1.10.

Regular \$2.00 values for \$1.40.

Regular \$2.25 values for \$1.65.

Regular \$2.50 values for \$1.90.

Also 38 different styles of Rockers

in Oak, Mahogany and Redwood.

Hall Chairs in Solid Mahogany

\$7.50 from \$10.00.

\$9.75 from \$13.50.

\$7.25 from \$9.75.

\$6.75 from \$9.00.

Solid Mahogany Rockers

\$14.75 from \$21.75.

\$10.75 from \$15.00.

Bed Room Suites

\$14.75 to \$28.50; regular \$22.50 to

\$37.50.

Special low prices for Nicely Up-

holstered Lounges and Easy Chairs.

—\$9.75 for \$13.00 qualities.

—\$18.75 for \$25.00 qualities.

Mission Furniture

Benches and Old Styles of Chairs.

Dining Tables

\$5.75 to \$48.50; were \$7.50 to \$67.50.

AUTO RECORDS.

French Racers Are Anxious to Meet W.

K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

Paris, Feb. 4.—French automobilists

are taking much interest in the motor

car records made by Wm. K. Vander-

bilt, Jr., and the latest track at Ormonde,

Fla., and are anxious to race against

him. Mr. Gobron, who is well known in

sporting circles here, has already chal-

lenged Mr. Vanderbilt, and M. Decers

proposes to lower the record made by

M. Gobron on a 90 horse-power car, evi-

dently with the intention of racing with

Mr. Vanderbilt himself.

Chapped Hands

BUTERMILK TOILET LOTION, 25c

Is just what you need. Heals, softens, whitens. Excellent after-shave lotion.

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98 Government Street, Near Yates Street.
PHONES 425 AND 450.

City News in Brief.

—Good dry cordwood at Johns Bros., 250 Douglas street.

—The basketball match scheduled to be played this evening between the Victoria West and James Bay intermediate teams, at the J. B. A. A. hall, has been postponed.

—Erskine, the grocer, has added to his assortment of fish, fine Labrador herrings and black cod, and is selling them at low prices. Telephone, 106. Corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

—Miss Lawrence has made arrangements to open on Monday, the 8th inst., an art needlework department and school of dressmaking in the Metropolitan building, Government street. For terms apply at the office upstairs.

—There are several indications of the success of the ball to be given by the Native Sons' Society of British Columbia in Assembly hall tomorrow night. Chief among these is the sale of a large number of tickets. The ballroom is all in the matter of decoration, that deft hands can make it, and arrangements have been otherwise perfected in a manner that assures the greatest pleasure to all who attend.

—Steps are being taken to organize a shuffle tournament among the members of the Young Men's Christian Association. A large number of entries are expected, and some closely contested matches are anticipated. A challenge has been forwarded the players of the North Ward Young Men's Club, and the couple winning the Y. M. C. A. series will be entitled to play the N. W. Y. M. C. for the championship of the city.

—The death occurred yesterday at the Jubilee hospital of John Sigurdson, caretaker of Ross Bay cemetery. Deceased had successfully undergone an operation for throat affection, and was apparently progressing favorably when hemorrhage occurred and resulted fatally. He was a native of Iceland and 39 years of age. A widow and a daughter and three sons are left to mourn his loss. Mr. Sigurdson came to Victoria thirteen years ago, and has served as caretaker of the cemetery for over a year.

—Manager H. Symington, of The Westside, has learned from his connection with the big Simpson department store in Toronto, the value of judicious advertising. Since taking charge of The Westside Mr. Symington has inaugurated a vigorous advertising campaign, the success of which is evidenced in the crowds which have patronized the bargain sales of the store in question during the last few days. The number of people who have thronged the store have taxed the capabilities of the staff to the utmost.

—F. M. Kelly has been offered and will accept the editorship of a department in Western Field, which the proprietors of that enterprising magazine of the West are about to introduce. This will be known as the "Northwest Department," and will deal with the sports covered by the publication in British Columbia and Washington, such as yachting, golfing, automobilism, rod and gun, the kennel, etc., etc. In addition to the department, Mr. Kelly will also contribute special articles on game, time, dealing with the sports of Washington and British Columbia, the scenery and the pleasures relative to an outing in these parts. The magazine has a large circulation, East and West, and such articles cannot but be beneficial to the province.

—The head pupils of South Park school for the month of January are: Division 1, Harold Geo. Bamford, Marguerite N. Rickaby and Eugene Claire Stewartson (equal); division 2, Eleanor Scott-Robson; division 3, Blanche McBratne Smith; division 4, Kathleen Ashby; division 5, Henry Lunan Robinson; division 6, Olivia Grace Cameron; division 7, Frank Alfred Wydos; division 8, Elsie Jean Calder. Yesterday afternoon Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, in the assembly room of the school, made a public presentation to Thomas Clarendon Briggs of his certificate for swimming, earned under I. St. Clair's instruction in the summer. Master Briggs's diploma certifies his ability to swim 500 yards in bathing costume without rest; to swim 30 yards carrying a person of equal weight, and to give a correct demonstration of the process of resuscitation.

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Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food.

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Handsome Residence

Twelve rooms, all modern conveniences and centrally located, can be bought at about half cost.

Good 8 roomed house to let, central, only \$10.

Two good offices to let, MacGregor Block.

FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS.

MONEY TO LOAN.

GRANT & CONYERS,

Successors to P. C. MacGregor & Co.,

NO. 2 VIEW STREET.

—Don't forget the social at the Salvation Army hall to-night.

—Wood and Coal—R. Davenport, 34

Blanchard street; telephone 97.

—Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap

Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

—A few snags for cash at Erskine's

grocery. Moir's marmalade, one pound

and bacon at 17 and 18 cents pound.

Telephone, 106.

—This morning in the police court John

Blackmore was charged with entering a

house on Blanchard street and stealing a

clock. He was remanded until to-morrow

morning.

—Jesse A. Longfield (late with Hopkins,

England), tunes, regulates and

repairs pianos and organs. Twelve years'

practical experience. Address 248 Cook

street. Phone 711.

—Are you furnishing? If so, get one

of our kitchen lists. It will help you to

commence that formidable list of kitchen

needs, inexpensive, but still very necessary

to home comfort; also get our hand-

some catalogue if you have not already

received one. Weller Bros.

—The organ recital given on Wednes-

day, January 27th, at St. John's church,

was successful both from a financial

standpoint and as an entertainment. Yester-

day the churchwardens sent a draft

for \$100.50 to the widow of the late

organist, W. D. Gibbons. This was the

net proceeds, with the small deduction of

\$11 from the total for expenses.

—The police to-day arrested Paul New-

man on the charge of breaking into the

E. & N. depot at Nanaimo on Tuesday

night and stealing goods from trunks in

the freight shed. Entrance to the place

had been gained through the window of

the booking office, a neat little hole hav-

ing been made in a pane of glass, through

which a chisel had been thrust to pry off

the glass.

—A coroner's jury yesterday afternoon

investigated the circumstances surround-

ing the death of Freeman Norman, the

little boy who was shot near the Foul

Bay school house on Tuesday. Three

witnesses were examined. Dr. Bolton,

Jesse Bond, the boy to whom the weapon

belonged, and Alex. Wm. Dobson, who

carried the wounded child to "Norwood,"

the residence of Miss Miller, where he

died. The jury returned a verdict of ac-

cidental death, with a recommendation

that the authorities be urged to take im-

mediate steps to prohibit the use of fire-

arms by minors.

—In support of his contention that the

Clallam had a defective rubber, Chief

Engineer De Launay, during the investi-

gation at Seattle on Tuesday, submitted

an affidavit of R. W. Griffin, a sailor,

which the marine inspectors declined to

receive as evidence. The inspection

of the vessel on the ground that

Griffin had been summoned to appear;

that the affidavit was made in Victoria,

a foreign city; that the affidavit had not

been questioned or cross-examined by

men of marine knowledge. Griffin, in his

affidavit, declares that the Clallam's rudder

was cracked from one end to the

other; that the ship could not be steered

without the relieving tackle; that Capt.

Roberts ran about the boat when he

knew of her condition like an insane man.

—At the regular monthly meeting of

the Friendly Help Association, the treas-

TEMPT THE APPETITE

And satisfy it as well. You can do that when you buy from these stores. We are prepared for this season with a choice collection of groceries as was ever shown in this city.

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Five lb. Palls, assorted, each 40c.
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The "West End" Grocery Co., Ltd.

Phone 88. 42 Government Street.

LIFE-SAVING SCHEME.

Geo. Riley, M. P., Makes Some Useful Suggestions—A Comprehensive Plan.

In conversation with a Times representative this morning regarding the objects of the Lifeboat Association recently organized, Geo. Riley, M. P., dropped a few valuable suggestions. He said that in his opinion the best plan would be to prevail upon the government to establish a life-saving station, with a small crew, at Cape Beale. These men would have every opportunity for training, and might look after the telegraph line as well. This was a source of considerable expenditure to the government.

In connection with this plan the old tug Earl should be replaced with a first-class, powerful boat, which could be kept always under steam. The station for the tug could be Williams Head, where the Earl's quarters now were. Then the pilots, of whom there were four always on duty, could be provided by the government with a staunch lifeboat. Mr. Riley said that the pilots whom he had spoken to had told him that they would be very willing to render assistance when required.

In addition to this, Mr. Riley said, a look-out man could be stationed at Race Rocks, from where he could signal Williams Head in the event of trouble occurring within his view. Williams Head could communicate with Victoria, while the Cape Beale station could be kept in touch by means of telegraph. This system would cover a pretty extensive coast line, from Cape Beale to Trial Island.

GOLD FORWARDED SOUTH.

Three Tons of It Shipped on the City of Puebla Last Night.

Three tons of gold specie from a Hong-kong bank for a similar institution in San Francisco was shipped south from here on the steamer City of Puebla last night. The shipment was received on the R. M. S. Empress of China early in the week, and has been in the Dominion Express Company's care in this city for a couple of days. In it there was some \$1,000,000 dollars.

But it is not altogether in the size of the shipment that interest wholly centres. An experiment is being tried in connection with its dispatch which may result in several more shipments being forwarded this way instead of by the old route to San Francisco. The bank at Hong-kong has frequently to send exchange to San Francisco, and it is found that the Canadian means of transportation is the quickest, as it undoubtedly is, more shipments will follow in the near future. The present shipment will, it is claimed, reach San Francisco in considerably less time than if it had gone by the American line, and hence a permanent trade may be diverted this way.

PERSONAL.

J. E. Williams and wife, of Montreal, are in the city. They have just returned from a pleasure tour of Southern California. Mr. Williams says that the efforts of the Victoria Tourist Association were resulting in a widespread advertising of this city's attractions. At almost every hotel pamphlets dealing with the capital of British Columbia as a tourist resort were to be found. While here Mr. and Mrs. Williams are staying at the Victoria hotel.

H. C. Martin, of Toronto; Wm. Roberts, of Winnipeg; A. C. Murray, of St. John's Lake; and W. D. Muir, of Vancouver, are in the city. They are making their headquarters at the Vernon hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tubbott and daughter, of Boston; Mont. Norman McLean and D. G. Macintosh, of Vancouver; A. E. and E. W. McEwan, of Seattle, are among the guests at the Driford hotel.

F. C. Rhoades, of Seattle; Richard Lumbart, of New York; J. H. McLaury, of Oakland, Cal.; W. J. Quinlan, of Lady-smith, are in the city. They are staying at the Victoria.

H. L. Phair, Sergt. Whitney, B. R. Seabrook and Gideon Hicks were among the passengers last evening from Vancouver by the steamer Charming.

Rev. E. W. Troup, T. G. Wright and M. Leavitt, among the passengers from the Sound by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday.

Miss Jessie Gentry, of Spokane; W. J. Holden, of Toronto; and W. H. East, of Crofton, are at the Dominion hotel.

Rev. E. C. Turner arrived yesterday from the mainland.

Miss Tatlow came over from Vancouver last evening.

The Telephone Co. in their new directory will have Erskine's grocery number 100 therein. Take a mental note of it.

The death occurred yesterday at the Jubilee hospital of Miss Sarah Lancaster. Deceased was 27 years of age and a native of England. The date of the funeral has not yet been arranged.

The funeral of Freeman Norman, the victim of the unfortunate shooting accident on Tuesday, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from W. J. Hanna's parlors, and at 2:30 o'clock from St. Columba's church, Oak Bay. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McCoy.

At the meeting of the Dairymen's and Livestock Association this morning the detailed statement of the finances was presented showing a deficit of eight hundred odd dollars contracted by the association some years ago and carried forward. A discussion arose over the question of importing stock from the East, and a vote being taken, it was decided to discontinue the practice except in case of private orders.

A general business meeting of No. 4 Company, Fifth Regiment, was held last evening. It was decided to provide refreshments after drill during the drill season. This will include coffee, buns, crackers and cheese. Games and cigarettes will also be distributed. An entertainment committee, consisting of Bon. D. A. McNaughton and Gr. Miller, was appointed to provide programmes for the different evenings. The annual meeting of the association will be held after drill on Wednesday evening next. Reports will be received and officers elected.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FROM \$2,000 TO \$200,000.

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Terms to suit purchaser.

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Because it hurts their business. Makes the teeth beautifully white, prevents discoloration and decay, and keeps the teeth in sound and healthy condition all the time. Delightful to use, antiseptic, fragrant, refreshing and beautiful. Use our

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And you won't have to see your dentist so often.

OUR TOOTHBRUSHES

Are of the best selected stock. All sizes. All prices.

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DRUGGISTS, 30 AND 32 GOVERNMENT STREET, NEAR P. O.

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SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK AT

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Mouth Organs

Special Sale of Regular 50 Cents Ones at

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M. W. WAITT & Co.

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Orchards,

Small Fruits,

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The Tolmie Estate, only two miles from town, offers for sale

10 Acre Blocks Good Land

At very low figure; also acre blocks. Call and inquire.

Money lent on mortgage.

Insure in the Manchester "Fire" Insurance Co.

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YOU MUST HAVE

A FINE

DRESS SUIT

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Native Sons' Ball

A fine selection of Black Goods, latest style, at reasonable prices.

PEDEN'S

Merchant Tailor, 36 Fort St.

In Berlin a well known pick-pocket has been arrested. He had diamonds worth over £200 in his mouth.



Now For a
Record Bargain
Day Friday

A Grand Clearing Out Before Stock Taking

We want some one from every home in Victoria to visit this Popular store, Friday.

Prices Cut Low for Another Record Day

We only mention a few bargains, hundreds of others splendidly arranged for the big day. Your money will do double duty here.

Friday Bargains Upstairs

It will pay you to be here early. Strong bargain lines in every section. Your dollars doing double duty here. Be with the crowd Friday.

\$2.50 Blouse Waists \$1

Ladies' elegant Blouse Waists, such as sheer linen and Persian lawn. They will sell very fast. Worth up to \$2.50.

FRIDAY BARGAIN PRICE \$1.00

\$1.75 Blouse Waists 50c

Such a little price for these fine White Lawn and Printed Cambric Waists, sizes 32 and 34 only, worth up to \$1.75.

FRIDAY BARGAIN PRICE 50c.

\$3.90 Sateen Waists 95c

Extra fine quality Ladies' Black Electro Sateen Waists, the balance of our big selling lines, sizes 32 and 34 only. Regular, \$3.90.

FRIDAY BARGAIN PRICE 95c.

\$3.50 P.D. Corsets \$1.50

75 pair of these celebrated high-grade Corsets, Colors white and black. Just on the eve of stock taking we clear them out. Regular, \$3.50.

FRIDAY BARGAIN PRICE \$1.50

35c Muslin and Zephyrs 12c

MAIN AISLE, 1ST FLOOR. Fine quality imported French Muslin and Zephyr Gingham, fast washing colors, worth up to 35c.

FRIDAY BARGAIN PRICE 12c.

Children's Fine White Coats at Bargain Prices.

How cute the little one would look in one of these handsome White Bear Skin Coats, and they won't cost you much here.

\$4.00 Coats, Friday bargain, \$2.45

\$4.50 Coats

The Most Critical Tates

"SALA"

CEYLON Tea. Black, Mixed or Natural Green.
It is delicious and pure.

Sold only in sealed lead packets. By all Grocers.

ARBITRATION IN THE ANTIPODES

HOW THE PRINCIPLE WORKS IN AUSTRALIA

Pessimistic View of the Effects of it in Commonwealth—A Specimen Bill of Fare.

Some little time back comment was made in the Pall Mall Gazette concerning the defeat of Sir Edmund Barton and his party over the conciliation and arbitration bill, and it was pointed out how this incident would serve as a useful indication of the extent to which the tyranny of labor prevails in the Commonwealth. The truth of these remarks is amply borne out by the way in which the Arbitration and Conciliation Act now in force in Western Australia has worked. It may be noted that the West Australian Act is almost an exact replica of the New Zealand Act which has been in operation for several years.

So far the West Australian arbitration court has principally been occupied with matters affecting wage disputes in that great mining centre, Kalgoorlie, ninety per cent. of whose inhabitants come from the eastern states of the Commonwealth. Not long ago the court gave a decision as to the respective wages to be paid to skilled and unskilled labor employed in the mines, and this decision was so obviously, not to say ludicrously, unjust, that it raised a storm of resentment and angry protests from mine managers and mine owners generally. Needless to say, the unskilled laborers, who in some cases were actually awarded wages in excess of what they had demanded, regarded the court's decision with something more than complacency, although the better class of workmen, such as engineers, fitters, expert miners, and skilled artisans, were by no means enthusiastic concerning it. Other awards have been given by the court which display a scarcely concealed fear on the part of the government of offending the working man, for it must be remembered that not only has he a vote, but his womenfolk also exercise the franchise—a privilege which Antipodeans owe to the wonderful statesmanship and patriotism of the great and glorious Mr. Richard Seddon.

Let me cite as an instance one of the most recent awards delivered by the arbitration court in a dispute which had arisen affecting the wages and conditions of employment of persons employed in hotels and restaurants at Kalgoorlie. But I should like to premise, as one who has resided there for eight years, by stating that the present conditions of life in that town are not nearly as onerous and expensive as they were a few years ago, a fact to which the subjoined bill of fare, cut at random from a Kalgoorlie newspaper, will amply testify to:

ATHENAEUM CAFE.
Basement Miners' Institute.
Menu This Day.
Chicken Broth. Roast Turkey and Ham.
Boiled Fowl and Pickled Pork.
Roast Chicken and Seasoning.
Roast Sucking Pig.
Roast Sirloin Beef. Yorkshire Pudding.
Haunch Mutton and Red Currant Jelly.
Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce.
Roast Pork and Apple Sauce.
Boiled Mutton and Parsley Sauce.
Pickled Pork and Parsnips.
Vegetables.
Cauliflower, Beans, Peas.
Roast and Boiled Potatoes.
Sweets.
Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce.
Rhubarb Pie and Cream.
Angels' Food and Custard.
Port Wine Jelly.

Is. 6d. Trifle.

This is not so bad for a "mining camp" in the desert! The population of Kalgoorlie, and its suburbs, including the B. City, may be roughly estimated at anything between 25,000 and 40,000 inhabitants. The electric light is everywhere; there is an

Mr. J. W. Campbell
Nearly 80 Years
Old Banishes
Serious Liver,
Kidney and
Blood Troubles.

Mr. J. W. Campbell, a resident of Antwerp, Ont., rescued from grave and fatal dangers says: "I feel it my duty to acknowledge the benefit I have received from your medicine Paine's Celery Compound, which I have been taking for about six months. I was afflicted with kidney, liver, and blood troubles, which, all put together, made it very trying. I am, now, seventy-seven years of age, and can truly say that your medicine has made me feel well, will the exceptions of the usual infirmities which old age brings on."

PAINE'S Celery Compound
Saved His Life.

If you are sick and desire free medical advice, write to "Consulting Physician," The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain St., Montreal, P. Q.

MINUTIME REPUBLICS.

Several Countries Are Smaller Than Panama.

Most of the independent states of South America look small to us on the map, so that when we hear of the secession of a narrow neck of Isthmian territory from the Republic of Colombia we feel sure that it must be an insignificant principality that has thus been created, says the Providence Journal. Panama is certainly very small; yet it is larger than four other independent states of the Western Hemisphere, and very much larger than the smallest states of Europe. Of these latter, Monaco is the most diminutive, with its eight square miles. Despite its limited area, it has its own coinage, postage stamps and troops, the latter numbering five officers and 70 men. Three towns—Monte Carlo, with 3,794, and Monaco, with 3,292. The principal industry of the principality, as everybody knows, is the systematic absorption of private revenues. San Marino, the oldest republic in the world, has an area of 23 square miles and a population of 9,537. Among the other European countries that are smaller than Panama are Denmark (exclusive of her colonies), Belgium, Switzerland and the Netherlands. If we turn to the Western Hemisphere we find a great diversity of size. The countries of North, Central and South America. First, of course, comes the United States, with Brazil a close second. The immensity of Brazil is better appreciated when we compare it with our own country than when we regard it merely as a yellow space on the South American map. The figure of area for all the independent countries of the Western Hemisphere are as follows, though it should be understood that in many cases they are based, at least partly, on estimate or guesswork: United States, 3,756,884; Brazil, 3,218,159; Argentina, 1,065,013; Mexico, 707,510; Peru, 1,255,735; Venezuela, 593,943; Colombia, 473,292; Bolivia, 472,000; Chile, 256,800; Paraguay, 145,000; Ecuador, 144,000; Uruguay, 72,210; Nicaragua, 51,100; Guatemala, 48,390; Honduras, 46,250; Cuba, 41,655; Panama, 31,571; San Domingo, 20,596; Costa Rica, 19,985; Haiti, 10,204; Salvador, 7,228.

WHEN SMOKING WAS A CRIME.

The earliest instance known of penalizing smoking in the streets, says Health, is in the court books of the Mayor of Melbourn, in Norfolk. The figure is the following entry on the record of the court held on October 14th, 1606: "We agree that any person that is taken smoking tobacco in the street shall forfeit one shilling for every time so taken, and it shall be lawful for the petty constables to distrain for the same, for to be put to the use above said (i.e., to the use of the town). We present Nicholas Barber for smoking in the street, and do amerce him one shilling." The same rule was repeated at courts held in the years 1690 and 1695, but no other fine is mentioned at any subsequent court.

JOINT MANOEUVRES.

The United States navy is carrying out a number of winter evolutions in the West Indies. The British cruiser squadron is on its way to the same destination, and is there to take part in combined exercises with the North American and West Indian squadrons. This combination of circumstances has suggested to Mr. James C. Bennett, writing in the Paris edition of the New York Herald, that the United States government should extend an invitation to the British government to allow the participation of the British fleet in a series of combined naval manoeuvres. The American force, he proposes, should represent the defending fleet, the British the attacking fleet. "There is, it must be admitted, a certain fascination about the idea, and there can be no question as to the instruction which would be derived from giving effect to it. The additional keener with which officers and men would learn more from such an object lesson than could be taught by any amount of manoeuvres between fractions of a homogeneous fleet." There is, it must be admitted, a certain fascination about the idea, and there can be no question as to the instruction which would be derived from giving effect to it. The additional keener with which officers and men would learn more from such an object lesson than could be taught by any amount of manoeuvres between fractions of a homogeneous fleet.

NERVOUS WRECKS VERY COMMON

Bad Stomachs Are the Direct Cause—Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Are the Preventive and Cure.
These are the days of nervous wrecks. You meet people every day who are nervous, irritable, low spirited and generally run down. They are the results, you say, of this strenuous business age. But the strenuous business age is only an indirect cause. The real and direct cause is a neglected stomach. No man or woman need have a bad stomach if he or she takes the necessary precautions. It is when the stomach is overworked the trouble begins. If it gets the rest it needs it will right itself. If it does not get the rest it needs it will go from bad to worse. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets give the stomach the rest it requires. They digest the food while the stomach rests. They cure all stomach ills and all ills resulting from bad stomachs. M. Monro, of Masson, Que., says: "I suffered from dyspepsia, and was terribly troubled with nervousness and low spirits. An advertisement led me to try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. They helped me from the first and I was soon completely cured. I recommended Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets to my friends and they have all been benefited by them." Thousands of others will give you similar experiences.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of The Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898, and in the Matter of The Victoria Times Printing and Publishing Company Limited, Liquidator.
The creditors of the above named company are required, on or before the 10th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to William Templeman, of the City of Victoria, Journalist, the Official Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Official Liquidator, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chamber Court at Victoria, B. C., at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they shall be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Monday, the 15th day of February, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, in such Chamber Court is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon such debts and claims.
Dated this 6th day of January, 1904.
HARVEY COMBE,
Deputy District Registrar.


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Waltham, Watches, Elgin Watches, Diamond Jewellery to be had at
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Half usual prices during stock-taking.



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Which will do credit to your home, call on the undersigned for a tender.
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The Victoria No. 2 Building Society. Office is at 15 Trowace Ave.
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Has removed from the Pritchard House to 64 Yates Street, and is
NOW OPEN
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Have You Heard the
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Go and hear it at Harry T. Cole's. Mr. Cole will be glad to see all his old friends at his new stand.

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Steam, Gas and Hot Water Fitter, Plans and estimates on application. Jobbing work promptly attended to.
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200 Chairs in any condition, also 100 Lamps and Candlesticks, any kind, for our out of town second-hand trade. F. J. BITTANCOURT, Auctioneer and Com. Agent. Office, 53 Blanchard St. Phone 1518, or 1710 Res. Phone.
NOTES.
All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of the Comox District, on the East by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.
LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

Did You Ever Stop to THINK?

What it it means to have your Family Chemist Endorse and Recommend a Line of Remedies? Most, if not all, Patent Medicines are as unknown to him as to the Public. Advertising and glowing testimonials create demand. He simply supplies with no actual basis of exercising his judgment or pharmaceutical knowledge as to their value. The formula is a

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The Undersigned Druggists of Victoria
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We will have a grand display of Choice Meats for Christmas and New Year. Prices very reasonable.
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PRICE \$5.00 EACH.
JOHN COCHRANE
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Will Sell Quantity of

**Desirable Furniture,
Counters, Stoves,
Carpets, Toilet
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Etc., at 58 Broad Street, 2 p. m.,
Thursday, Feb. 4th
No reserve.
W. JONES, Auctioneer.
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Is instructed to sell at Salerooms, 77-79 Douglas street.

Friday, Feb. 5th, 2 p.m.

Valuable

FURNITURE

A Consignment of

**Enamelled and Brass
Bedsteads and Woven
Wire Mattresses...**

No reserve.
Lounge, Rattan Chairs, Oak Centre Table,
Writing Desk, Parlor Set (6 pieces), Rock-
ers, Arm Chairs, Pictures, Carpets, Rugs,
Oak Sideboard, Oak Extension Table, Din-
ing Chairs, Dinner Set, China, Ornaments,
Glassware, Timepiece, Guitars, Jardiniere,
Antique Oak Bed Sets, Mattresses, Blan-
kets, Red Linen, Kitchen Treasure, Tables,
Enamel Ware, Cooking Utensils, Refriger-
ator, Screen Doors, Garden Hose, Reel,
Tools, Heating Stoves, Victoria Cooking
Range, Dog Kennel, etc.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

155 ACRES, 5 roomed cottage, hard finish-
ed, cow shed, stable, chicken house, hog
pen, good water, lots fine cordwood,
good stock and chicken ranch; price
\$1,400; 50 acres good land, small orchard,
\$750. A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates
street.

GOOD 6 ROOMED HOUSE, with bath,
\$750; 2 good city lots, close in, \$300. A.
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FOR SALE—House, corner Head street and
Esquimaux road, with modern improve-
ments. Inquire on premises, or at First
street.

LOST—Tuesday afternoon, black cocker
spaniel, white breast and four white feet;
owner's name and tag on collar. Address
J. A. Thomson, 1 Sylvia street, James
Bay.

POSTS and TELEGRAPH POLES—We
are the boys for cedar. Have pleased
many living and willing to please more.
H. T. O'Neil & Co., Box 406, city.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Monday, Feb. 8th.

Mr. W. E. Nankville Announces the Never
Ceasing Success.**Human Hearts**

Presented with a carefully chosen com-
pany. Superb scenic sensations. Marvel-
ous mechanical magnificence.
Prices, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and gallery, 25c.
Seats on sale Friday at Victoria Book &
Stationery Store, Government street.
FEB. 9th—KILTY'S BAND.

Knights of the Maccabees.**FUNERAL NOTICE.**

All Sir Knights of Victoria Tent, No. 2,
are requested to attend the funeral of our
late Sir Knight, Jno. Sigurdson. Funeral
to take place from his residence, Ross Bay,
at 4 p. m.

JAS. BELL,

Record Keeper.

WM. F. CROCKFORD,

Commander.

RUSSIANS MOVING**TOWARDS KOREA**

(Continued from page 1.)

army and navy are in almost constant
conference or communication. There is,
however, no indication of the course they
intend to pursue.

The belief is prevalent that Russia is
seeking to provoke the Japanese to take
the initiative.

The first break in the reticence of the
Japanese government was the publica-
tion to-day of four official dispatches
from Manchuria and Siberia, which are
significant, showing as they do the trend
of events.

Wanya, a niece of John Komarukich,
a Galician, shot herself fatally at York-
ton this week. She was about to become
a mother, and has made an ante-mortem
statement placing the blame on certain
persons.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer,
Glam Cocktails, K. P. O. Wine. Try
them.

Jameson's "Rickshaw" Tea and Caf-
fee Store moved from 62 to 71 Fort St.
next to Terry & Martell.

E. J. WALL.



W. A. SMITH.
Just Received, a Small Lot of
COMOX
Creamery Butter
In 14 lb. squares, which we are selling at a
very low rate. We also sell other
Groceries
Which demand the admiration of consumers
because they deserve it. High class, fresh
and worthy, yet moderately priced.
Windsor Grocery Co.,
Opposite Post Office, Government St.

NEW ACT CLEARS**THE SITUATION**

(Continued from page 1.)

Ald. Grahame will act as chairman of
the council in the interim, under resolu-
tion authorized by section 41, which is
as follows:

"In the event of the death, resignation
or removal from office of a mayor or
reeve, the aldermen or the councillors
may elect a chairman, who shall continue
in office until such time as another mayor
or reeve shall have been elected."

It will be noticed that clause 3 of the
bill gives the whole situation a different
aspect. This clause had not been printed
when the copy of the bill as published
by the Times was available, but it over-
comes the principal objection urged to
the legislation in question.

WAS JACKSON MURDERED?

Cap of Suspected Indian Found in a

Canoe.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Feb. 4.—It begins to look
as if a triple instead of a double murder
has been committed on the waters be-
tween Chemainus and Kuper Island.
Jackson, the Indian who was under sus-
picion, being the third victim of the
tragedy.

The police searched diligently yester-
day for the bodies of Wilson and his
wife, but were unsuccessful. They
found, however, Jackson's canoe with a
cap in the bottom, which leads to the be-
lief that he also was murdered. The
police have arrested Johnny, an Indian,
who is suspected, and are also after
Skookum Tom, another Indian.

SUICIDE AT DAWSON.

Former Member of the Mounted Police

Shot Himself Through the Head

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—H. G. Ross, form-
erly a member of the Mounted Police
at Dawson, committed suicide there to-
day by shooting himself through the
head. He was financially involved, and
sooner than face failure, he killed him-
self. He was attached to the military
service in the early Klondike days, and
achieved local fame by carrying \$5,000
in gold from Dawson to Victoria during
the "penny" days of "Soaps" Smith's reign
at Skagway.

DEPUTATION WILL NOT COME.

John Hendry Refused to Put Up Ex-

penses, and Delegates Remain

at Home.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 4.—John Hendry to-
day declined to put up the expenses for
a deputation to interview the government
at Victoria regarding the proposed
northern line from Vancouver, and the
delegates, among whom is the mayor,
refused to go.

Geo. Howell was committed for trial
to-day charged with false pretences in
the case of the failure of the B. C. Sup-
ply Co.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Visit of British Columbia Lumbermen—

They Refuse to Tell of Their

Mission.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.—Mr. F. W. Jones,
manager of the Columbia River Lumber
Co., at Golden, B. C., and a party of
fellow lumbermen from the Pacific pro-
vince, are in the city, but he would not
state the nature of their business. In re-
calling old days, when he was in Winni-
peg, Mr. Jones mentioned many names
of men who were brother officials, and
expressed his pleasure at the promotion
of Mr. Wm. Whyte to the position he
now occupies at the head of C. P. R.
affairs in the West. Mr. Jones states
that the year 1903 was a most prosperous
one for the lumber trade in British
Columbia. Many mills were built, and
they were not all of the "jack-knife"
stamp, but several very large concessions
were started. "We can now," said Mr.
Jones, "run out from British Columbia
in the cutting and from the mills, more
lumber than will be required for many
years to come. The erection of new
homes and business places brought about
by the incoming settlers and the great
progress made by trade in the West has
been responsible for this increase." Mr.
Jones is now an enthusiastic British
Columbia man, and will talk with anima-
tion of the beauties and resources of
Golden.

THIS WEEK'S GAZETTE.

Number of Appointments in Government
Journal—Companies Incorporated.

There is little of public interest in the
current number of the Provincial Gazette
issued to-day. The following appoint-
ments are noted:

To be Justices of the peace: Francis Wm.
Groves, of Princeton; Jas. Wesley Donohue,
of Wardner.

To be coroner: Arthur L. Kindad, of
Cloverdale, M. D., and Jno. Franklin, B.
Rogers, of Kaslo, Esq., M. D.

Walter H. Pooley, of Kelowna, to be a
notary public.

Wm. Howard Bullock-Webster, of Nelson,
chief constable, to perform the duties of
the undermentioned offices during the ab-
sence upon leave of F. S. Hussey: Superin-
tendent of provincial police, chief license
inspector for Esquimalt license district,
immigration officer.

Chas. W. Young, of Nelson, provincial
police constable, to be acting chief con-
stable for the Kootenay police district and
acting chief license inspector for the Alse-
worth license district during the absence
of W. H. Bullock-Webster.

The following companies have been in-
corporated: Poplar Power & Light Co.,
capital \$15,000, divided into 15,000 shares
of one dollar each.

The Hoplias Corporation Company, capital
\$10,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$1
each. The objects are to acquire as a go-
ing concern the business now carried on at
Victoria under the style of "The Belford
Nurseries."

The Pacific Mineral Extraction Company,
Ltd., capital \$100,000, divided into 100,000
shares of \$1 each.

MASSACRED BY INDIANS.

Yaquis Held Up Stage Coach and Killed

the Six Passengers.

(Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Feb. 4.—News of the
massacre of six persons by Yaqui Indians**Fire Insurance**

IS SOLICITED FOR

The Caledonian Insurance Co. (of Edinburgh),
The Phoenix Assurance Co. (of England), and
The Home Insurance Co. (of New York).

ALL COMPANIES OF THE HIGHEST STANDING

A. W. JONES, Agent.

at Ortiz, Mexico, has been received. The
stage which runs between Ortiz and Lar-
cruce was held up by 15 savages and all
on board, numbering six, were killed,
among them Salvador Flores and his
nephew, Francisco Flores, both promi-
nent in Sonora. Flores lived until he was
picked up by a party of Vaqueros. De-
tachments of mounted troops have gone
in pursuit of the Indians.

The total commerce of Abyssinia is about
nine million five hundred thousand dollars
a year.

THE LAST WEEK

BIG FIRE SALE

FORCED TO VACATE

**Store Closed
To-Day
AND
Friday**

To mark down prices on
the balance of the stock of
Men's Clothing, Furnish-
ing Goods, Overcoats,
Raincoats, Mackintoshes,
Underwear, Hats and Caps,
Over-shirts, Boots and
Shoes, White and Colored
Shirts, Collars and Cuffs,
Trunks and Valises,
Blankets, Sweaters, Oil-
skins, Neckties, Boots and
Shoes, Suspenders, Men's
and Boys' Caps.

We do not intend to pack
up a dollar's worth of
goods.

**Sale Begins
SATURDAY
February 6th**

We confidently expected to renew our lease
in our present quarters, but, without notice,
were told that we must vacate. We have no
store in view, so have decided to sacrifice our
entire stock. We do not intend to pack up a
dollar's worth of goods. ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴

The Last of the
FIRE SALE
Commences
SATURDAY

**Store Closed To-Day and
Friday For Final Mark-
ing Down of the**

BIG FIRE SALE
The entire stock of Clothing, Boots and Shoes,
Men's Furnishing Goods, must be sold at any
price without reserve.

The Next Eight Days Will Witness the Greatest Bargain Opportunities Ever Offered in
Victoria, and at the Same Time Close the Last Week of the Big Fire Sale at

ARMY & NAVY CLOTHING STORE,

117 Government Street.

117 Government Street.

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LEE & FRASER
FOR SALE
Pandora St., 6 roomed house and
corner lot, only \$1,200
Alpha St., house, stable and ½ of
an acre in orchard, price, 1,600
Lot near Cadboro Bay road \$ 80
Money to loan at 6 per cent. on real estate
security.
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